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## **Special Press Release** **December 30, 2022 - 2000 HRS – Updated 2300 HRS** **For Immediate Release**

### **Police Arrest 4, Seize a Loaded Handgun, and Narcotics After Local Car Dealership Prevents a \$100,000 Fraud**

Senior Leadership at Shoreline Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, located at 255 Middlesex Turnpike, Old Saybrook alerted Old Saybrook Police of a possible fraudulent transaction that might be taking place later in the afternoon on Friday. The initial investigation revealed that individuals posing as customers were using fraudulent government documents generated by stealing the identity of an out of state resident. The bogus customers left a cash deposit at the dealership and promised to return. When they did, Old Saybrook Police were waiting.

The criminal actors arrived back at the dealership in two different vehicles at two different times, with one group waiting for the other. At 1807 HRS, when all parties were at the Dealership, Old Saybrook Police converged, and despite the efforts of one to flee, police located, detained, and then arrested all criminal actors involved.

A loaded handgun with a high-capacity magazine, a large quantity of narcotics including methamphetamine, extasy, crack cocaine as well as documents linking the four to identity theft were located in their vehicles.

“We take our role to safeguard our customer’s information very seriously”, said Alex Castergini Jr, an owner of Shoreline CDJ, “We are here to be a part of the community which means we have a responsibility to help safeguard it”. “When we noticed something was off, we immediately contacted the Old Saybrook Police”, said Kobe Tremblay also an owner of the dealership, “The only thing that comes above our dedication to our customers is the safety of the community we are proud to be part of”. Because of this incident, the two have pledged to sponsor a fraud/identity theft prevention seminar to be led by Law Enforcement in the beginning of 2023.

“We will not tolerate this type of criminal activity in Old Saybrook”, said Michael A. Spera, Chief of Police for the Town of Old Saybrook, “This is a perfect example of a public/private partnership that helps safeguard our community”.

The following individuals have been arrested. Their information, charges, and bond amounts are listed on the following pages.

Justin Smith, DOB 03/05/1987, a Black Male, of 21 Crown Street, Hartford Connecticut was arrested and charged with:

- 53a-122 Larceny First Degree
- 53a-138 Forgery First Degree
- 53a-129b Identity Theft
- 53a-138d Illegal Use of a Credit Card
- 53a-128f Credit Card Theft
- 53a-125 Larceny in the Fourth Degree
- 21a-279 Possession of Narcotics – 2 counts
- 21a-277 Possession of Narcotics with the intent to sell - Counts
- 21a-267 Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- 53a-48 Conspiracy – 2 counts
- 53a-217 Criminal Possession of a Firearm
- 53a-217 Criminal Possession of Ammunition
- 53-202w Possession of a High-Capacity Magazine
- 29-38 Weapons in a Motor Vehicle

Justin Smith is being held on a \$250,000 bond and is scheduled to appear in the Middlesex Superior Court on January 10, 2023.

Peter Roman, DOB 07/21/1977, a Black Male, of 599 Quincy St Apt 3, Brooklyn, NY was arrested and charged with:

- 53a-217 Felony Possession of Ammunition
- 21a-279 Possession of Narcotics – 2 counts
- 21a-277 Possession of Narcotics with the intent to sell – 2 counts
- 21a-279 Possession of a Controlled Substance
- 53a-48 Conspiracy -2 Counts
- 53a-122 Larceny First Degree
- 53a-138 Forgery First Degree
- 53a-129b Identify Theft – 3 Counts
- 53a-138d Illegal Use of a Credit Card
- 53a-128f Credit Card Theft – 3 Counts
- 53a-125 Larceny in the Fourth Degree
- 53a-139 Forgery Second degree – 4 Counts

An additional investigation concluded in a second arrest for Peter Roman. As a result of this investigation he was charged with:

- 53a-130 Criminal Impersonation
- 53a-139 Forgery Second Degree

- 53a-167 Interfering

An additional investigation concluded in a third arrest for Peter Roman. As a result of this investigation he was charged with:

- Fugitive from Justice

Peter Roman is being held on a \$550,000 bond and is scheduled to appear in the Middlesex Superior Court on January 10, 2023.

Omar Pena DOB 05/21/1982 a Black Male, of 476 Skiff Mountain Rd, Kent, CT was arrested and charged with:

- 53a-130 Criminal Impersonation
- 53a-139 Forgery Second degree
- 53a-167 Interfering
- 53a-122 Criminal Attempt to Commit Larceny First Degree
- 53a-48 Conspiracy – 2 Counts
- 21a-279 Possession of Narcotics – 2 counts
- 21a-277 Possession of Narcotics with the intent to sell – 2 counts
- 21a-267 Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- 53a-217 Criminal Possession of a Firearm
- 53a-217 Criminal Possession of Ammunition
- 53-202w Possession of a High-Capacity Magazine
- 29-38 Weapons in a Motor Vehicle

Omar Pena is being held on a \$250,000 bond and is scheduled to appear in the Middlesex Superior Court on January 10, 2023.

Ross Glasmann DOB 09/11/1997, a White Male of 12 Greenbrier Drive, West Hartford, CT was arrested and charged with:

- 53a-122 Larceny First Degree
- 53a-48 Conspiracy -2 Counts
- 21a-279 Possession of Narcotics – 2 counts
- 21a-277 Possession of Narcotics with the intent to sell -2 counts
- 21a-267 Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- 53-202w Possession of a High Capacity Magazine
- 29-38 Weapons in a Motor Vehicle

Ross Glasmann is being held on a \$125,000 bond and is scheduled to appear in the Middlesex Superior Court on January 10, 2023.

This criminal Investigation remains active.